

5 **Claims**

1. A jackpot wagering system, comprising:

10 a plurality of player terminals, each player terminal being operable by a respective player to place a corresponding wager on each one of a plurality of different turns of a game of chance;

an accumulation facility responsive to placement of each wager to accumulate a portion thereof in an accumulation account; and

15 a random event generator activatable by placement of each wager to generate a random event upon which an outcome of a turn of the game of chance is based, the outcome being one of a number of possible outcomes that includes a favourable outcome causing the player who placed that wager to win the contents of the accumulation account characterised in that the system includes:

20 enrolling means operable to enrol, during a determinable time interval, each player in a lottery as a function of that player's corresponding wagers on each one of the plurality of different turns of the game of chance and to cancel the lottery upon the occurrence of a favourable outcome of the game of chance during the determinable time interval; and

25 selection means activatable to select, if a favourable outcome of the game of chance does not occur during the determinable time interval, one of the enrolled players as a winner of the lottery as a function of a contingency determined at least by chance, the winner of the lottery being awarded the contents of the accumulation account.

30 2. A jackpot wagering system as claimed in claim 1 in which the enrolling means is operable to enrol each player in the lottery once for every 10 different turns of the game of chance on which the player has placed a wager.

- 5 3. A jackpot wagering system as claimed in claim 1 in which the enrolling means is operable to enrol each player in the lottery once for every 15 different turns of the game of chance on which the player has placed a wager.
- 10 4. A jackpot wagering system as claimed in claim 1 in which the selection means selects the winner of the lottery at the expiry of the determinable time interval.
- 15 5. A jackpot wagering system as claimed in claim 1 in which the determinable time period has a predetermined start time and expires a finite time after the predetermined start time or when the balance of the accumulation account exceeds a predetermined threshold.
- 20 6. A jackpot wagering system as claimed in claim 1 in which each enrolment of a player in the lottery is uniquely identifiable by means of a corresponding unique code.
- 25 7. A jackpot wagering system as claimed in claim 6 in which the selection means is a random number generator arranged to generate a random number corresponding one of the unique codes.
- 30 8. A method for jackpot wagering, comprising the steps of:
placing a corresponding wager on each one of a plurality of turns of a game of chance from any one of a plurality of player terminals, each terminal being operated by a respective player;
accumulating a portion of each wager in an accumulation account; and
generating, in response to placement of each wager, a random event upon which an outcome of a turn of the game of chance is based, the outcome being one of a number of possible outcomes that includes a favourable
35 outcome causing the player who placed that wager to win the contents of

- 5 the accumulation account characterised in that the method includes the additional steps of:
enrolling, during a determinable time interval, each player in a lottery as a function of that player's corresponding wagers on each one of the plurality of different turns of the game of chance;
10 cancelling the lottery if a favourable outcome of the game of chance occurs during the determinable time interval;
selecting, if a favourable outcome of the game of chance does not occur during the determinable time interval, one of the enrolled players as a winner of the lottery as a function of a contingency determined at least by
15 chance; and
awarding the contents of the accumulation account to the winner of the lottery.
- 20 9. A method as claimed in claim 8 that provides for enrolling each player in the lottery once for every 10 different turns of the game of chance on which the player has placed a wager.
- 25 10. A method as claimed in claim 8 that provides for enrolling each player in the lottery once for every 15 different turns of the game of chance on which the player has placed a wager.
11. A method as claimed in claim 8 in which the winner of the lottery is selected at the expiry of the determinable time interval.
- 30 12. A method as claimed in claim 11 in which the determinable time period has a predetermined start time and expires a finite time after the predetermined start time or when the balance of the accumulation account exceeds a predetermined threshold.

5 13.A method as claimed in 8 that includes the further step of uniquely
identifying each enrolment of any player in the lottery by means of a
unique code.

10 14.A method as claimed in claim 13 in which the winner of the lottery is
selected by generating a random number corresponding to one of the
unique codes.